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 The Chief of Psychological Warfare, Department of Army
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SUBJECT: Proposed Adjustments in Analysis of Soviet Radio Propaganda

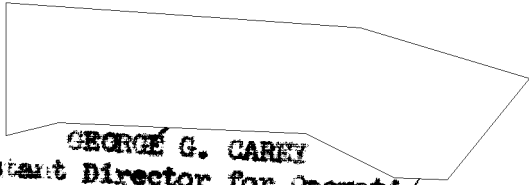
1. The Foreign Broadcast Information Division, a component of this Office, includes among its publications two regular reports analyzing Soviet broadcasts in general and an irregular series which analyze the total propaganda from the standpoint of only one problem, subject, area, or event. These reports are:

a. TRENDS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF MOSCOW BROADCASTS. This brief two-page report is designed to give intelligence analysts and psychological operations the principal trends of Moscow propaganda, a comparison of attention given to them, and the subjects on which Moscow is silent or has little to say. This report is published weekly.

b. SURVEY OF USSR BROADCASTS. This report discusses the Soviet radio propaganda output in greater detail but under very general categories. For example, the survey must discuss what Soviet propagandists are saying on such generalities as "Global Affairs", "Western Europe", "The Far East", etc., without due consideration of the significance of the material. These reports are issued every other week and therefore do not have the currency of the other FBID Radio Propaganda Reports.

c. RADIO PROPAGANDA REPORTS. This recently initiated series presents integral studies of the total monitored Soviet radio propaganda relevant to particular events, intelligence problems, or operational requirements. They are of a size commensurate with the intricacy of the subject and are usually initiated to meet the known interest of intelligence and psychological offices. They are issued frequently but irregularly and have a high degree of currency.

2. Producing the SURVEY OF USSR BROADCASTS seriously curtails the ability of FBID to meet the increasing requirements for the fuller treatment of Satellite broadcasts and to maintain issuance of the RADIO PROPAGANDA REPORT series at the present level. A desk-level questionnaire circulated in April 1953 indicated that the majority of readers would prefer integral studies to the omnibus SURVEY if they could not have both.
3. Present budgetary and personnel restrictions limit the amount of effort necessary to the analysis of propaganda contained in USSR and Satellite broadcasts and it will, therefore, be extremely difficult to continue the present SURVEY OF USSR BROADCASTS while continuing to meet present requirements for RADIO PROPAGANDA REPORTS on USSR broadcasts and similar requirements on Satellite broadcasts. In consequence, it is recommended that the SURVEY OF USSR BROADCASTS be discontinued in favor of more frequent RADIO PROPAGANDA REPORTS and a fuller treatment of Satellite broadcasts.
4. Your concurrence or comment is requested prior to 14 December 1953.


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